

ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Broadening Horizons

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin one of our busiest and most exciting terms, I thought that it would be a good opportunity to bring you some highlights of the events that have taken place over the past few weeks.

Last term, Waddington Redwood held their Harvest Festival with each phase team contributing a harvest themed song. It was a wonderful to see the Reception children take part in an assembly for the first time, and perhaps every child's (and staff's!) highlight was the whole school rendition of the 'Big Red Shiny Tractor' song, complete with actions! Thank you to Mr Housam, from the Joy Foundation, who gave an energetic speech based on the Harvest values of thankfulness and sharing. We would also like to thank parents who generously provided food contributions – they were gratefully received by the Lincoln Community Larder and will be used to help families in our local area this winter.

You may have seen the big purple bus that has been parked outside our academy recently. This is the Linkage Sensory Bus and these visits are part of their Outreach Project to provide an accessible, mobile sensory space for children who would benefit from this environment. The theme inside the bus is transformed every few weeks and the space is filled with coloured lights, sounds, projectors, aromatherapy diffusers, and a variety of sensory items to create immersive environments that are both fascinating and educational. Our children loved the 'Under the Sea' theme, exploring all the sights, sounds and animals that live in the marine world. The bus is visiting once a week for 6 weeks and the children can look forward to 'Jungle' and 'Winter Wonderland' themes.

Curriculum Highlights

Last term, children in our Reception classes enjoyed retelling the tale of the 3 little pigs. They used a story map to recall the tale and invented their own versions, including 'The 3 Little Dinosaurs' and 'The 3 Little Unicorns'! The children also enjoyed talking about their families and homes, and understanding that we are all special and unique. This term, the children are retelling the well-loved story of 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson and exploring autumn and seasonal changes.

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Years 1 and 2 have had a super start to the school year! Along with our Reception children, they watched a theatre performance of 'Snow White'. The production company transformed our hall into an exciting and magical place! The show was filled with music, singing, dancing and laughing, and the children were thoroughly engrossed in the tale.

This term, Years 1 and 2 have been enjoying our topic 'Let's Remember'. They have been finding out about World War 1 and the significance of the poppy. The children have loved exploring Georgia O'Keefe's artwork and recreating their own poppy drawings using a similar style. In English, they have been exploring war stories and learning new vocabulary related to the war, resulting in the children writing their own stories and reports. They have also been learning about the history of the poppy and the importance of Remembrance Day.

Children in Years 3 and 4 have been finding out about life during the First World War. They have been learning about the trenches and what life was like for families at home during this time. Last term, Sergeant Parsons came into our Academy and worked with the children to bring WW1 history to life. The children were able to observe artefacts and try on the itchy clothing that the soldiers had to wear! Since Sergeant Parson's visit, the children have found out even more information about WW1. Did you know that the world's first tank was called the Mark 1 and was made right here in Lincoln by William Foster & Co? Did you also know that the workforce were mostly women as our men were away fighting? The children have loved our learning and they now have a better understanding of the reasons that we commemorate Remembrance Day.

Year 5 and 6 have had a brilliant start to their World War Two topic with their visit to the International Bomber Command Centre. They found out lots of information about what Bomber Command did during the war and began to understand the scale of difficulty of each mission. The children enjoyed dressing up as soldiers and airmen and learned about how they kept themselves safe. On their return to school, they used their trip to inspire some poetry writing and a number of the children's poems have been published at the memorial.

Poppy appeal

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the Poppy Appeal. As soon as we know how much has been raised, we will let you know.

Children in Need

Once again, we will be joining schools across the nation on **Friday 18th November**, to raise funds for BBC Children in Need. Waddington Redwood is having a pyjama day. Children are invited to come to school in pyjamas for a small donation which will be donated to Children in Need.

Online safety

We are always on the lookout for suitable materials to help you to talk to your children about keeping safe online. The link below will support you with this. The link is suitable for children aged 6 – 14+ and includes a link for 'My child is vulnerable'.

[Cyberbullying conversation starter guide - Internet Matters](#)

If your children has special education needs then the link below will give you some information to support your child to have positive experiences online.

[Help children with SEND have safe experiences online | Internet Matters](#)

Christmas Update

Reception and Key Stage One will be performing 'Angel Express' on the following dates:

- **Monday 5th December 2022 at 2pm**
- **Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 2pm**
- **Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 2pm**

Years 3 and 4 will be performing a recorder recital on the following dates

- **Wednesday 14th December at 2.15pm**

Years 5 and 6 will be performing Carols around the Christmas Tree on the following date:

- **Monday 12th December at 2.00pm**

The letters for these performances have gone out. If you haven't received these please contact the academy office.

Friday 9th December is our 'Christmas Lunch' day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or festive clothing. Please do not feel that you have to buy your child a Christmas jumper, an old jumper or t-shirt that has been customised with drawings or tinsel can be more effective.

We are asking that children **do not** bring Christmas cards into the academy. We will be making cards in classes and using this as a learning opportunity to investigate the origins of Christmas traditions.

Term dates

An extra bank holiday to mark the coronation of King Charles III has been announced for **Monday 8th May 2023**. You can find all our term dates to help you plan your holidays on our [academy website](#).

Staffing

On behalf of everyone at Waddington Redwood, I would like to wish a sincere congratulation to Mrs Daniele Searle and Miss Laura Blinko who have given birth to Margot and Arthur respectively. Margot joins dad and big sisters, Evie and Elsie, in the Searle household and Arthur joins Charlie and dad in the Blinko household.

This term, we have welcomed three new members of staff to our Redwood team. Miss Vanessa Lo and Mr Tom Holland have joined our teaching support team and Mrs Vikki Towler has joined our lunchtime support staff.

At Waddington Redwood, we value all our staff and we are fortunate to have an excellent team. However, despite our best efforts to keep everyone, sometimes staff choose to seek pastures new. Sadly at the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to two long-standing members of staff whose personal contributions to the improvement of our school have been immeasurable.

Miss Hall started training as a teacher at Redwood in 2012. She has taught across our reception and key stage one classes, and has had responsibility for the quality of teaching of early reading and for implementing our Personal, Social, Health and Sex Education curriculum. She has gained her National Professional Qualification of Middle Leaders and this year she has been leading the key stage one team. Miss Hall is taking some time out from teaching in order to decide what her next career step will be.

Mrs Frayne, our Business Administration Manager, has worked at Redwood since September 2004. Mrs Frayne's contribution to the day-to-day running and strategic organisation of our academy is invaluable. She will be deeply missed but fortunately, she is not going far, as she will be taking up a post within the Priory Federation in the Estates department.

The academy is currently advertising for a Key Stage One Leader and a Business Administration Manager.

School Admissions 2023 – Waddington Redwood Primary Academy

If you have a child whose date of birth is between **1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019**, you will need to register your child for school for **September 2023**. If you missed our open week, then please contact the academy and we can arrange a visit for you.

Please remember that all applications for school places are made online and you can apply between **14 November 2022 - 12 noon on the 15 January 2023**. See <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place> for further information, or contact the admission team at schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 782030.

Clubs

Please see below for the list of clubs that are running this term:

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Who For</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Lunchtime Lounge	KS1	Mon-Fri Lunchtime	Mrs Dodds and Miss Clarke
Art Club	Service children	Tues-Wed lunchtime	Mrs Percival
Homework Club	Y3 to Y6	Mon-Fri Lunchtime	Mrs Gleadhill
School Council	Y1 to Y6	Tues 12.30-1pm	Miss Pavier
Multi-Sport	Y3 /4	Thurs 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Housam
Multi-Sport	Y5/6	Tues 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Housam
Dance Club	KS1	Mon 3.20-4.20pm	Hannah Simmons
Anti-bullying Ambassadors	Y5/6	Fri 12.30-1pm	Miss Daubney
Junior Road Safety	Y6	Wed 1-1.30pm	Mrs Pappini
Junior Home Safety	Y6	Fri 12.30-1pm	Miss Chatwin
Digital Leaders	Y5/6	Lunchtime	Mrs Nicholls
Reading Club	Y3 to Y6	Tues, Wed 1-1.30pm	Mrs Holcroft
Drama Club	Y1-Y6	Wed 3.20-4.20pm	Helen at Drama Bugs

And finally....

Last term, I sent out the school timetable to remind everyone that the gates to the academy open at 8.45am and that children should be class from 8.50am. Sadly, we still have children arriving at school late on a regular basis. If your child is arriving at 9am, then they will miss not only registration but also the settling in activities that are planned at the beginning of the school day to give everyone a chance to regulate.

As always, we appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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